

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1107

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team upon winning the Division III National Title.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of high school academic teams and act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon Team of Madison Academic Magnet High School recently won the Division III National Title during competition in Garden Grove, California; the win marked the second consecutive title, and third overall, for Madison's Decathlon Team and its fifth consecutive trip to nationals; and

WHEREAS, Madison's team members, under the tutelage of esteemed first-year coach Don Roe and assistant coach Barbara Fowler, made yet another stellar showing in this year's competition; in addition to the overall win, team members Mary Ellen Poe, Claudia Velasco, Gian Gozum, Tony Carroll, Spencer Guth, and Mary Beth Steinberg also won individual honors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Poe won the gold medal in art, silver medal in science and Super Quiz, and bronze medal in speech, and was the highest-scoring Honors team member in Division III; Mr. Guth, the highest-scoring Varsity member, won the silver medal in science, while Ms. Velasco won the bronze medal in Super Quiz and art; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gozum took home the silver medal in music, Mr. Carroll the gold medal in speech, and Ms. Steinberg the gold medal in interview; and

WHEREAS, surpassing its already impressive school record, Madison Academic scored 47,801 points defeating a team from Park City, Utah, by 1,300 points; the school also set record scores for regional and State competition; and

WHEREAS, Team Madison placed fifth overall in Super Quiz and sixth overall in total score in the competition; and

WHEREAS, these wins are especially impressive considering the school opened in 2003-2004; it has since made it to nationals every year; and

WHEREAS, the team persevered for its triumph despite rigorous competition from other high school academic teams across the country; about 350 students representing forty-two teams competed at nationals this year; and

WHEREAS, the win is, in no small measure, due to the dedication of coaches Mr. Roe and Ms. Fowler; and

WHEREAS, Madison's latest title is also the result of hard work and determination from its team members who began their odyssey by auditioning for a spot among stiff competition; once on the team, they studied hours every night to become fluent in ten subject areas; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School's Decathlon team include, Mary Ellen Poe, Claudia Velasco, Rob Alvey, Gian Gozum, Jake Hayes, Al Roberts, Spencer Guth, Tony Carroll, Mary Beth Steinberg, Ron Nelson, and Rebecca Evans; and

WHEREAS, the academic decathlon teaches valuable skills that its team members will have with them always, including strong study skills, teamwork, goal setting, and discipline; and

WHEREAS, the storied record of achievement of the members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team is truly impressive and is worthy of our recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the outstanding members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team on their stellar competitive record, recognize their superlative academic ability, and express our appreciation for their hard work and that of their fine coaches, Don Roe and Barbara Fowler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them every success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.